

## S A M U E L W H I T E,

UNDER THE

Cruel Oppressions of the *East-India* Company. 153

*Humbly presented to the Compassionate Consideration of  
The Honorable House of COMMONS.*



**S**AMUEL WHITE went to *India* in a Ship belonging to the Company, and stay'd there with the Permission of their Chief Factors, by whom he was afterwards introduc'd into the Service of the King of *Syam*, and by his Brother *George White's* Interest in the Court of that Prince, he was advanc'd to an Employment of great Credit and Benefit, wherein he acquir'd a very considerable Estate.

He continu'd in this prosperous Condition about Ten years, in all which time he never receiv'd any Command from the King or Company to return for *England*, nor the least Intimation that they were displeas'd at his Continuance in that Place or Service; But contrarily was encourag'd therein by their Factors, with whom he held a Friendly Correspondence, yearly Trading to the Companies Port of *Madrafs* with his own Ships, which were always very kindly receiv'd and dispatch'd; And while he no way deserv'd or suspected any different Treatment from the Company; their Factors and Servants did in the Year 87. seize on his Ships and Merchandize, to amount of about 20000 *l.* which they have confiscated to the Companies use; And in these Depredations they Murder'd *William Rand*, one of His Majesties Subjects.

Moreover in the Year 87. the Company made War on the King of *Syam*, and assaulted the Port of *Mergen*, where the said *Samuel White* resided, which occasion'd the Massacre of about Sixty of our Nation. And though he then Miraculously escap'd, yet he lost by that means above 20000 *l.* more, which he left at that place in sundry Effects when he Fled to save his Life.

In this manner has the Estate of the said *Samuel White* to amount of above 40000 *l.* been totally destroy'd by the *East-India* Company, To the utter Ruine of his Family; Their Proceedings wherein have not so much as the least colour of Reason or Justice, for that he never acted against their Charter, but always paid a due Respect and Deference to their Authority. And these Illegal Violences are highly aggravated by their Ingratitude to him who deserved the kindest Usages, In taking all Occasions to Express his Readiness to serve them to the utmost of his Power, which he sufficiently testified by the Relief and Assistance he gave to a Ship of theirs in great Distress, and so was Instrumental in preserving and forwarding to *England* 190000 *l.* of their Estate.

The said *Samuel White* after all these Afflictions and Losses dyed in *April* 89. and left Two young Children under the Care of his Brother *George White*, who now humbly Petitions this Honorable House in their Behalf:

Praying,

That he may be heard by his Counsel at the Bar of this Honorable House, before the Bill, which the said Company are now endeavouring for their Confirmation, be pass'd; And that, if it shall upon due Examination appear, that the foresaid Orphans are destroy'd and ruin'd by the Arbitrary Oppressions, as before intimated, he may obtain leave to bring in a Bill into this House for their Relief, being he cannot otherwise have any suitable Remedy by the usual Course at Law.

